No sweet song bird

That e'er I-heard

In flowery dale and thicket, Can match your voice,

Bird of my choice,

Not knowing how to nick it

In point of time,

Or sweetly chime With mood, like you, my cricket.

No flute e'er blown, Or organ tone, No baujo, could I pick it,

Would soothe my heart

With music's art

To lands far back

I seem to take a ticket

And whirl away,

On life's dull track

Like you, my precious cricket.

When blithe and gay

Like sweet perfumes Of faded blooms

Holds echoes, darling cricket.

In clover when we rick it,

In life's game tost

Now won, new lost,

I've almost reached the wicket;

Without you, comrade cricket.

My brownie bright,

Let sportive fancy trick it

'Tis still the same,

My faithful, tuneful cricket,

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Your happy lay

From far away

By our hearthstone

I'd be alone

My fireside sprite,

fellow citizens.

Your whistle blows, my cricket.

For some birds may

Obtrude their lay,

My tuneful, cheerful cricket.

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Of the Late Daniel Peck, and Inter

nother's maiden name was Anna Dow, he attended occasionally the courts, and hundred miles to be examined, he would community. cousin of the eccentric but justly cele | heard such men as Phillip Doddridge | ask him some questions. brated itinerant evangelist, Lorenzo Dow. argue causes, and resolved to become a The judge asked him questions on the forty-five years ago, with David Allen, His ancestors on his father's side were lawyer some day. English; on his mother's, Ge.man. His When Mr. Peck was about twenty-two favorite study with Mr. Peck, and was vey for a railroad from Bridgeport to father, Samuel Peck, was not a prospert years of age, he decided to remove from surprised at his prompt and correct an- Flushing. That was the first railroad ous or business like man, although in Washington to Wheeling, Va.; and, swers, saying, "Why, that is 'Coke on work in Ohio, and a railroad in fact final-children in all the solid virtues of hon- dle, he slung it over his shoulder on a The candidate replied. "I learned that voice was always on the side of sound esty, truth, sobriety and industry. Mr. stick and walked down to Wheeling with from Blackstone." "Blackstone! Black- morals and the public good. He was a 7 00 Peck remembered, and would relate to a letter of introduction from a prominent stone! oh, yes, I believe there is a new firm believer in the truths and principles .1 50 the children he loved so well, his trials lawyer named Thomas McGiffin to Sam book by a man of the name of Black- of the Christian religion. He had no in the clearing up of two farms in the Sprigg, at that time the leading man in stone, but I have never seen it," replied taste for politics, although taking an acrugged woods of Vermont and New Wheeling. A year before this, Mr. Peck the surprised and discomfited judge. York, the titles to both of which were had been attacked with smallpox, which Then the honors were easy between tested shams, humbugs and hypocrites. lost by his father, after he had expended bad badly marred his face, and on seeing them. From this single remark, the He was elected a member of the convengreat labors in establishing homes on him, Mr. Sprigg took his letter, but re- lawyers and students of this day, who tion which framed the constitution of them. The family removed, first from fused to let him enter his house. Whee- have text books on every branch and this state, against his wishes. He was Saturday morning, with the news of the week Woodstock, Vermont, to Essex county, ling was then a small, dirty village of sub-division of the study, and Reports nominated for justice of the supreme New York, when young Daniel, the old- about twelve hundred, and Mr. Peck met by the thousand volumes, can see what court by the American party, against good poetry, local matter of general interest est child, was but six years of age, trav- with a very cold reception. His poverty a different thing it was to study and his wishes, and spent some time in the and fresh misecilany, suitable for the home circle; a carefully edited agricultural department and full and reliable financial and market reall their worldly goods, crossing the town were slave holders, and did not re- practice in all the courts, on April 15th, After removing to Wheeling in 1863, Green Mountains in mid winter and spect a poor white man who had to labor 1826, and walked back to Wheeling, whis- he was elected to the State Senate of \$1 00 Lake Champlain on the ica. This new for a living, as much as a negro who had tling and singing all the way, and as he West Virginia, and labored hard to give settlement was made about 1804, and the an owner. This was a bitter trial. Cut expressed it, "The happiest man alive." the new state a good code of laws. And site selected for the future home of the off from society, he cultivated the friend- It was a wild country he passed through. these are the only public offices he ever .10 00 family was a little valley between two ship of little children. Here he made He walked from Clarksburgh out twenty held, and these came unsought by him. high and projecting spurs of the Adiron- the acquaintance of a young man named miles before breakfast the next morning While residing in Wheeling, he was one dack mountains. The great prairies of Redick McKee, who had but recently after his admission, and on that whole of the directors of the state prison, and 30 00 Illinois were at that time wholly unheard moved down from Pittsburgh, and they distance there was not a house or a set- connected with other reform institu-The premium copies will be sent to any ad- of and utterly unknown to the farmers two opened and taught the first Sunday tler, frequent "bear wallows" were in the tions; and during the Rebellion, his old

Here Daniel Peck laid the foundation school greatly prospered, for they not Soon after being admitted to the Bar, pointed him one of the visitors to invessary to send all the names at one time. Send on of his superb health and great physical only held simple religious services, but Mr. Peck removed with his mother from tigate the management of the West Point .w. D. Horr the names as fast as received. Remittances strength and endurance, which served also taught the children how to read, and Wheeling to St. Clairsville. He was yet Military Academy. him so well, and enabled him to carry the people gladly sent their children, so very poor; could not afford a horse, and He removed back to his old home of money in ordinary letters, and the publisher such loads and accomplish such tasks in that for want of room to accommodate did all his traveling between St. Clairs, St. Clairs annot be responsible for losses occasioned after life. "As he said of himself, he was the throngs of little ones, they were ville, Wheeling and surrounding towns hills he loved so well, and is laid with a thorough boy. He would climb moun- forced to move from place to place to get on foot. James Caldwell and wife were the friends who have so long preceded The Weekly American, with any of the fol- tains for the pleasure of sending great larger rooms. The laws of Virginia then warm friends of his, and Mr. Caldwell, a him. All his blood relations are dead. lowing named journals, will be sent one year, stones crashing to the valley below. He forbid teaching any person with negro merchant, gave him all his collection bu- All his old compeers in the courts are was an expert hunter, and no disciple of blood in their veins, so no negroes at- siness. Friends in Wheeling also gave dead; and ever his newly made grave a Club Reg'r Isaak Walton could excel him with the tended that first Sunday School, which him collections. Mr. Caldwell got into a whole community can unite in saying: price price cod and line. The woods were alive with was first opened at a house on Main big law suit with the old bank of St. That our sons can find no better or highwild game, and bears were even too com- street, where William Goshorn now lives. Clairsville and John Patterson, the other er type of manhood than his. Brave mon for game, and had to be watched There was at that time no church or revision man of the town. Mr. Patterson heart, true friend, hail and farewell! out of the corn fields, as might a band of ligious society in Wheeling. ank Leslie's Illust't'd Newspaper 4 25 500 unruly hogs. His youth was as free as 4 25 5 00 the air, and full of pioneer adventure. Episcopal Bishop Chase stopped and held case, Mr. Caldwell was afraid to entrust late Wilmeth Jones, and who survives He was ten years old before he ever services in Wheeling, and Mr. Peck heard it to young Lawyer Peck, but employed her husband, and who like him is uni-

had the opportunity of attending a re- of the existence of the Episcopal church an older man, the late Thomas H. Genin, versally beloved. 250 ligious meeting for public service. When for the first time in his life. He had a and apologized to Mr. Peck for doing so, 3 00 3 50 he was about fifteen years of age, he was perfect knowledge of the growth and seeing that the apparent want of confisent to a writing school to learn to write, history of Wheeling, and especially its dence hurt him. Mr. Peck took the dis-He had to walk a distance of four and courts and churches. The present splen- appointment in good humor, but took ble to run the Government of the Unione-half miles to this school every day. did Fourth Street Methodist Church, of He attended for three weeks, and the Wheeling, is the third church building cars that he thought he could win the think there was nothing to be done at 3 25 4 00 He attended for three weeks, and the 175 2 00 teacher kept him making "pot hooks" all erected on the same lot. When it was case for them, and thereupon they em-well known bad style of penmanship, company with Bishop Jones and Henry of the case with all his might; sent to which he declared to be nothing but a K. List, and after admiring the finish Philadelphia for Johnson's Chancery subordinates pour out a terrible and unslight modification of his old "pot hook" and architecture of the structure, he re- Reports, paying ten dollars a volume for precedented flood of words upon public

and fight the British invaders. But as was.

and where they stopped.

possessed any desire for public station, be threshed rye with a finil for the dis- twenty-one years of age, had been a res- span of one man's life! or ambition for political distinction, he tillers for every tenth bushel; he drove ident of Virginia for more than one year, It would make this sketch too long for might easily have become one of the team; he worked for a painter at paint- and was a man of good moral character; a newspaper, to enter into further demost celebrated. And although his ing houses; but all his earnings were and this application was the first notice tails of this remarkable man. For over fame is limited to a narrower horizon absorbed for the bare subsistence of life, the Wheeling Bar had of his ambition to sixty years he was a leading figure in than that of a senatorial statesman, yet Mr. Peck never attended school more become a lawyer, for he had no precep the State and United States Courts of in that circle he had few equals and no than about one year in all, in broken in- tor. All the lawyers, except Alexander Ohio and West Virginia. He ranked superiors in either mental ability or that tervals during his life.

enduring honor and respect among his attempt at teaching, taking charge of a chanic could sneak into the learned pro-Born at that age in our country's his while working for the painter at Wash to learn the power of the man whom no Kennon, Sr., Wilson Shannon, Henry tory, and under those circumstances, ington, he painted a house for Parker obstacle could keep down. After getting Stanberry and Edwin M. Stanton, justly where poverty was the condition of all Campbell, a great lawyer in his day, and this certificate he had to be examined admitted to be the great lawyers of the the country people, he had none of the here for the first time had opportunity to and passed by three judges; and to se west. Had he been a self-seeking, money possibilities even of an education, and look into a library of law books. Mr. sure his license he had to go to Clarks- hoarding man, his law practice would no advantages of the culture of polite Campbell, noticing his interest in the burgh and meet the judges at court. He have made him a millionaire. His wants cerity of purpose, purity of motive, and the necessity of supporting the family, ginia in those days, and a common pleas friends, and helped others often to his untiring industry, he made himself one Mr. Peck declined this generous offer. Justice, Judge Summers. Judge Sum- own hurt and privation. One hundred of the most agreeable companions, one But this was the crisis of the man's life, mers asked him if he had ever read thousand dollars would scarcely make the ablest lawyers in this country, whose and showed him the possibilities of honor he had not, had never seen the book. He loved Nature in all her varied forms. gentle manners, ready wit and guileless and success which he resolved to conquer And the judge set him back by telling He studied astronomy, geology and botfriendship made him prized by every and secure. Here he studied the science him that he could not see how it was any, and thoroughly understood these heart and in every home where he was of music with a shoemaker named Beat- possible for a man to practice law who sciences. He had a great leve for fruits Daniel Peck was born in 1798, in Wood- a college student; studying at nights that inasmuch as he had one judge's cultivate them, and was the first man to stock, Windsor county, Vermont. His and intervals in his daily labor. Here name to his papers, and had walked a import and plant evergreen trees in the

School ever organized in Wheeling. Their road.

1812. He was but a short distance from John, and tell him that the poor have the by the old Supreme Court in banc. Mr. Plattsburgh when the British forces cap. Gospel preached unto them:" and then Peck had never made a speech in court tured that place, and heard the guns of added, now where is the place for the up to this time. He was afraid to trust the battle; and upon an appeal for volt poor in this splendid house? Mr. List himself, so he wrote out his argument in unteers the evening after the battle, he replied, the poor shall be provided for. full. All the briefs were then prepared volunteered at the age of fifteen to go These things show where the man's heart in manuscripts. The judges on the cir-

and fertility of that country. Mr. Peck's while here, to sarn something, he walk- the court meets in banc at Columbus." father concluded to make a second vent ed ever to St. Clairsville and back to Upon this hint, he took his brief to Wheeture into the wilderness, and about the Wheeling once every week, to give music ling, and had it printed in good type; and four sons, wife and one daughter, with a There was energy and perseverance for in the Supreme Court of Ohio; the judges two horse wagon and team, and all their an example to every poor boy. Mr. Peck were delighted with the innovation, and wouldly goods, for the promised land of could not always paint houses, and he Mr. Peck won this, his first chancery district of country now embraced in Har- bad come that he must undertake the reputation, and he soon secured a large rison and Belmont counties. In those great task of making a lawyer of him and profitable business. days there were no facilities for travel- self. He therefore, about July 4th, 1825, The lawyers then practicing at St. ing, no stage coaches, no canals, the rail- bought four little volumes of Black- Clairsville were Wm. B. Hubbard, Steroad had not been dreamed of, and for stone's Commentaries, and commenced phen Caldwell, Jos. A. Ramage, Wilson much of the way there was no public studying law in terrible earnest. He Shannon, Wm. Kennen, Sr., Thomas H. road, nothing but trails and openings worked all day at his trade of painting Genin, Gen. James Weir and Daniel Peck, through interminable forests. The trip houses, and read Blackstone half the who survived all his cotemporaries. The was long and wearisome, and the Peck night. He studied at a plain pine board lawyers who came from abroad to the family got no further than the then little table, and would commit the definitions St. Clairsville courts in those days, were hamlet of Washington, Pa., where they of legal terms to memory, by writing Judges Tappan, Wright and Goodenow, were overtaken by the winter storms, them out with a pencil on his table, and from Steubenville, Walter Beebe and Soon after settling at Washington, Mr. these definitions, he would plane them James M. Bell, from Cambridge. They Peck's father was stricken down with off with a jack plane, and again fill up are all dead long ago. Mr. Peck witnessparalysis, and the whole duty of support- with another lot; but before they were ed a long procession of his fellows pass ing the family fell upon the subject of planed off, they had been transferred to away. He was personally acquainted our sketch. This duty he met, as every the more enduring tablets of his memo- with Jonathan Zane, the Indian fighter

Caldwell, turned up their noses at his easily with the oldest lawyers in the nasolid and noble character which secures Here at Washington, he made his first sions, and intimated to him that no me- tion, and in his specialty as a chancery

class of negroes in a Sunday School. And fession in that way. But they had yet He was the associate and peer of Wmty; and also studied mathematics with had never read that book. But adding, and flowers, and encouraged others to

was the father of Isaac H. Patterson. In the year 1843, he married Miss Some time after that, the celebrated This being a very important chancery Olivia Jones, the eldest daughter of the opies.

While residing at this place, young dist church there was one great thing read every case in the whole seven volume that the country is quite an Peck was brought into the immediate lacking, and cited that passage, "For our umes, and found cases to sustain him. affair to manage,

cuit then took Mr. Peck's brief with the the enemy soon retired, his services as a Mr. Peck made out to live in the arist others to read; and the next morning soldier volunteer were never called into tocratic town by working at his trade of Judge Wood quietly slipped Mr. Peck's a painter, and by teaching music. He brief back to him, saying, "your argu-After the close of the war, exploring understood the science of music so well, ment is a very good one indeed, but it is parties returning from the Territory of that he taught the young ladies on the so villainously written that the other the Ohio, the then "far west," brought first piano ever brought to Wheeling, judges may not read it, so I advise you the most fabulous accounts of the beauty although he could not play himself. And to get some one to copy it nicely before year 1816, he started with his family of lessons to the daughters of Mr. Caldwell, this was the first printed brief ever filed Ohio, and as we may conjecture, that did not want to teach music. The time case, and which gave him at once a great

when the table was covered all over with Chauncey Dewey, from Cadiz, and Gen. other duty in life, most manfully. The ry. In this way he literally consumed of the trackless woods of Ohio and West father remained a helpless invalid for the few law books he could get hold of Virginia, and lived to see a nation in two years and then died. One of the and there were only a few for any law, mourning for Gen. Grant, who was born, brothers was apprenticed to a printer, yer at that day. By April of the next grew to old age, subdued a great rebeland soon ran away. But young Daniel year he felt confidence that he could pass lion involving great states, and passed The subject of this sketch was one of grappled with all obstacles, as if a mas- an examination and be admitted to prac- away after the death of Zane and prior the most remarkable men this new counter and determined to conquer. He tice. He therefore applied to the county to his own last sickness. What a panatry has ever produced; and if he had chopped cord wood for 31 1/4 cents a cord; court for a certificate that he was over ramo of progress and power within the

He was public spirited. More than law of real estate, which was always a of Bridgeport, he paid for making a surtive interest in public affairs. He de-

friend, Secretary of War Stanton, ap-

Washington, the Democrats were in the habit of pretending that it was no trouence, their own President and his chosen